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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR GREENS QLD VISIT

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: AMBASSADOR GREEN MADE FIRST OFFICIAL VISIT TO QLD SEPTEMBER 5 TO 8 ACCOMPANIED BY MRS GREEN. SCHEDULE INCLUDED ROUND OF VISITS, SPEECHES, AND MEDIA ENCOUNTERS BREAKING SOME NEW GROUND AND SERVING POLITICAL COMMERCIAL AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS OBJECTIVES. END SUMMARY.

2. SEPTEMBER 5TH: FOLLOWING BRIEF AIRPORT INTERVIEW, VISIT TO ABC STUDIOS FOR LIVE APPEARANCE ON THIS DAY TONIGHT ALSO RELAYED INTERSTATE. SEPERATE INTERVIEWS TAPED FOR ABC RADIO. QUESTIONS WERE FAIR AND WELL PREPARED CENTERING MAINLY ON FOREIGN INVESTMENT IMPACT OF RECENT AUSTRALIAN DEVELOPMENTS ON US AND BASES ISSUE.

3. SEPTEMBER 6TH: AT BREAKFAST MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF MAJOR US INTEREST FIRMS OPERATING IN QLD, AMBASSADOR HEARD THEIR VIEWS AND DISCUSSED DEVELOPMENT OF CONCERN TO THEM INCLUDING GOA POLICIES ON FOREIGN INVESTMENTS AND LABOUR RELATIONS. AMBASSADOR THEN MET AT CONSULATE WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL MAJOR MEDIA INCLUDING RURAL PRESS. IN THIS SESSION AS ON SEVERAL OTHER OCCASIONS DURING VISIT, AMBASSADOR FOUND IT USEFUL TO REMIND GROUP THAT, BECAUSE US
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AND AUSTRALIA HAVE SO MANY SIMILARATIES IN CULTURE AND

OBJECTIVES, THEY HAVE NOT GIVEN ENOUGH THOUGHT TO HOW THEIR POLITICAL DYNAMICS VARY. THEREFORE, DESPITE ALREADY HIGH LEVEL OF CONTACTS, EVEN MORE VISITS NEEDED BY LEGISLATORS, LABOUR LEADERS, BUSINESS, AND CULTURAL FIGURES. CALLS MADE ON GOVERNOR SIR COLIN HANNAH AND LEADERS STATE AND BRISBANE GOVERNMENTS. CALL ON GOVERNOR WAS FOLLOWED BY LUNCHEON AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE. AMBASSADOR AND MRS GREEN GUESTS OF HONOUR AT DINNER GIVEN JOINTLY BY AUSTRALIAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION, AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND AMERICAN FAMILIES ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND. DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER BARNARD MADE PRINCIPAL SPEECH OF WELCOME AND USED OCCASION TO REAFFIRM VALIDITY ANZUS TIES AND ANNOUNCE MAJOR AUST US JOINT MILITARY EXERCISE PLANS. RANKING QLD GOVERNMENT MINISTER SPOKE IN SUPPORT.

4. SEPTEMBER 7TH: QLD ALP HELD MORNING RECEPTION FOR AMBASSADOR AT LABOUR HOUSE HQ INCLUDING ROUND OF OFFICES AND ASSOCIATED RADIO STATION 4KQ. GUESTS INCLUDED FEDERAL AND STATE ALP LEGISLATORS AND POLITICAL WORKERS AT ALL LEVELS. AMBASSADOR ACHIEVED NOTE WORTHY IMPACT BY INVITING VIEWS ON LABOUR PRACTICES OF US ENTERPRISES IN QLD. ENGLISH SPEAKING UNION HELD MORNING TEA FOR MRS GREEN. DURING MIDDAY FLIGHT TO MAROOCHYDORE, SITE OF GENERAL AVIATION TRADE SHOW SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 1974, AND LUNCHEON FOR MAROOCHY SHIRE COUNCIL CHAIRMAN DEVERE AND MRS DEVERE. VISIT HIGHLY USEFUL FOR ASSURING LOCAL COOPERATION WITH TRADE SHOW ARRANGEMENTS. IN EVENING AMBASSADOR KEYNOTE SPEAKER AT AUST INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT SENIOR MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE DINNER WITH TOPIC INTERNATIONAL INFLUENCES ON AUSTRALIAN BUSINESSMEN IN THE 1970'S.

5. SEPTEMBER 8TH: BREAKFAST WITH QLD UNIVERSITY VICE CHANCELLOR AND MRS COWEN FOLLOWED BY SEMINAR AT UNIVERSITY FOR FACULTY AND STUDENT GOVERNMENT HISTORY AND ECONOMICS DEPARTMENTS AS WELL AS FACULTY FROM NEW GRIFFITHS UNIVERSITY. QUESTIONS MAINLY ON EAST ASIAN AFFAIRS SHOWED SERIOUS INTEREST AND PREPARATION. MEMBERS CLEARLY IMPRESSED BY FRANK AND SPECIFIC NATURE OF AMBASSADORS OPENING REMARKS AND REPLIES TO QUESTIONS. CONSULATE HAS ALREADY RECEIVED FOLLOW UP REQUEST FOR MORE SUCH SESSIONS WITH CONSULATE SPEAKERS AND VISITING AMERICANS. SEMINAR IMPORTANT STEP IN MOVING ATTITUDES

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TOWARD AMERICAN POLICIES AND INSTITUTIONS AWAY FROM REMAINING 1960'S HANGUPS AND ONTO MORE CONSTRUCTIVE TRACK. SAME COULD BE SAID OF ENTIRE VISIT.
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